

IMPERIAL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY CONCEPTUAL

PLAN FOR MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a joint powers agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation has been a member of the Salton Sea Authority since 1999 and has fully participated in all aspects of the Authority's programs, including the development of the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" ("Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studies numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs to provide wildlife habitats, improve water quality, and protect air quality in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Conceptual Plan also creates major recreational and economic development opportunities in the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation service territory; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is consistent with Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation policies and programs, in particular Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation's policy to oppose further water transfers from the Imperial Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan best meets the needs of Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation, its constituents, and those living and working in the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation service territory; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan is superior to other alternatives that the State of California and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, are considering during their programmatic EIR and alternatives study; and



WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has developed a community outreach program to inform the citizens and businesses in the Imperial and Coachella Valleys about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the Salton Sea Authority will cause any plan to undergo a thorough and environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation hereby approves the "Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan for Multi-Purpose Project" as the District's preferred plan for restoration and revitalization of the Salton Sea:

Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation encourages the State of California and the Department of the Interior to select the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan as their preferred alternative for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization; and

Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation encourages the Salton Sea Authority to conduct a community outreach program to fully inform citizens and businesses in the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation service territory about the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan, and to assist them in participating in the state and federal process;

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation during its regularly scheduled meeting on this 10th day of August 2006.

IMPERIAL VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By:

Chairman of the Board

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President of the Board